

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 1 November 2005

TIME: 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Health Policy Forum

ATTENDANCE:

Council: Present: Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), Edward F. Almon, John W. Flynn, Maria R. Gil, Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, RN, Ph.D., John Keimig, Richard Lepine, Denise Panichas, Robert J. Quigley DC, (Chair), Robert Ricci, Larry Ross, Reverend David Shire, Robert Whiteside, John Young

Not Present: Joseph V. Centofanti, MD, Rosemary Booth Gallogly, Wallace Gernt, Robert S.L. Kinder, MD

Excused: Robert L. Bernstein, Raymond Coia, Esq.

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Joseph G. Miller, Esq.

Public: (see attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Time Extension for the Minutes Availability, and Conflict of Interest Forms.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM. The Chairman noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. The minutes of the 27 September 2005 meeting of the Health Services Council were approved as submitted. The Chairman requested a motion for the extension of time for the availability of minutes pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. A motion was made, seconded and passed by thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Flynn, Gil, Graziano, Kiemig, Lepine, Quigley, Ricci, Ross, Shire, Whiteside, Young.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the Application of Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island for a Certificate of Need to construct a five-story addition and increase the number of NICU bassinets and

licensed bed capacity. Staff summarized the committee discussions and deliberations on this matter. Staff noted that a memo 'Women and Infants NICU/OB CON application additional language' from the Health Insurance Commissioner dated 28 October 2005 was included in the mailing.

The Chairman asked if the applicant accepted all of the proposed conditions from the Health Insurance Commissioner. The applicant agreed. The Chairman stated that the Health Services Council needs to amend the report to include the additional conditions and condition number nine and include two parts as follows: that the applicant shall comply with the contents of the agreement set forth in the document entitled 'Women and Infants NICU/OB CON Application Additional Language'; and (b) that on 1 April of each year the applicant provide a written progress report to the state agency and the Health Services Council on the implementation of the project (including each condition of approval) until full project implementation. The Chairman noted that the memo be incorporated by reference into the record.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of fourteen in favor, and none opposed (14-0) to recommend that the Health Services Council amend the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the Application of Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island for a Certificate of Need to Construct a Five-Story Addition and Increase the Licensed Bed Capacity by adding the

following condition of approval as condition number nine with parts a and b that: that the applicant shall comply with the contents of the agreement set forth in the document entitled ‘Women and Infants NICU/OB CON Application Additional Language’ and that on 1 April of each year the applicant provide a written progress report to the state agency and the Health Services Council on the implementation of the project (including each condition of approval) until full project implementation. Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Almeida, Almon, Flynn, Gil, Graziano, Kiemig, Lepine, Panichas, Quigley, Ricci, Ross, Shire, Whiteside, Young.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of fourteen in favor, and none opposed (14-0) to recommend that the Health Services Council adopt the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the Application of Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island for a Certificate of Need to Construct a Five-Story Addition and Increase the Licensed Bed Capacity, as amended. Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Almeida, Almon, Flynn, Gil, Graziano, Kiemig, Lepine, Panichas, Quigley, Ricci, Ross, Shire, Whiteside, Young.

The next item on the agenda was the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the Application of Morning Star Home Care, LLC for initial licensure of a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency at 200 Centerville Road in Warwick. Staff summarized the committee discussions and deliberations on this matter. Staff noted

that the applicant provided additional information that was requested by the Committee and it was included in the mailing. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of fourteen in favor and none opposed (14-0) to recommend that the application be approved. Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Almeida, Almon, Flynn, Gil, Graziano, Kiemig, Lepine, Panichas, Quigley, Ricci, Ross, Shire, Whiteside, Young.

The Chairman presented the outlines of the Governor's CON policy initiative and asked for input from the Council.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina D. Adamova